

## COURT OF APPEALS

### GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

Source of Funds	FY03 Adjusted Base	FY04 Recommended	% Change Over FY03	FY05 Recommended	% Change Over FY04
GPR	7,659,700	8,234,900	7.5	8,234,900	0.0
TOTAL	7,659,700	8,234,900	7.5	8,234,900	0.0

### FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITION SUMMARY

Source of Funds	FY03 Adjusted Base	FY04 Recommended	FTE Change From FY03	FY05 Recommended	FTE Change From FY04
GPR	75.50	75.50	0.00	75.50	0.00
TOTAL	75.50	75.50	0.00	75.50	0.00

### AGENCY DESCRIPTION

The Court of Appeals consists of 16 judges elected for staggered six-year terms. The court is divided into four panels located in Milwaukee, Waukesha, Wausau and Madison and is supervised by a chief judge appointed by the Supreme Court.

The Court of Appeals has original jurisdiction to issue prerogative writs and appellate jurisdiction over all final judgments and orders of the Circuit Courts, which can be appealed as a matter of right.

The Court of Appeals usually sits as a three-judge panel to dispose of cases on their merits. However, certain categories of cases, including small claims, municipal ordinance and traffic violations, and mental health, juvenile and misdemeanor cases, may be heard by a single judge. The Court of Appeals provides a written opinion containing a summary of the reasons for a decision made by the court.

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#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. Filing Fee Increase
2. Standard Budget Adjustments

#### **ITEMS NOT APPROVED**

3. Staff Attorneys – Central Staff

**Table 1  
Department Budget Summary by Funding Source (in thousands of dollars)**

	ACTUAL FY02	ADJUSTED BASE FY03	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
			FY04	FY05	FY04	FY05
GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE	\$7,635.4	\$7,659.7	\$8,329.8	\$8,361.5	\$8,234.9	\$8,234.9
State Operations	7,635.4	7,659.7	8,329.8	8,361.5	8,234.9	8,234.9
TOTALS-ANNUAL	7,635.4	7,659.7	8,329.8	8,361.5	8,234.9	8,234.9
State Operations	7,635.4	7,659.7	8,329.8	8,361.5	8,234.9	8,234.9

**Table 2  
Department Position Summary by Funding Source (in FTE positions) (4)**

	ADJUSTED BASE FY03	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
		FY04	FY05	FY04	FY05
GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE	75.50	77.50	77.50	75.50	75.50
TOTALS-ANNUAL	75.50	77.50	77.50	75.50	75.50

(4) All positions are State Operations unless otherwise specified

**Table 3  
Department Budget Summary by Program (in thousands of dollars)**

	ACTUAL FY02	ADJUSTED BASE FY03	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
			FY04	FY05	FY04	FY05
1. Appellate proceedings	\$7,635.4	\$7,659.7	\$8,329.8	\$8,361.5	\$8,234.9	\$8,234.9
TOTALS	7,635.4	7,659.7	8,329.8	8,361.5	8,234.9	8,234.9

**Table 4  
Department Position Summary by Program (in FTE positions) (4)**

	ADJUSTED BASE FY03	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
		FY04	FY05	FY04	FY05
1. Appellate proceedings	75.50	77.50	77.50	75.50	75.50
TOTALS	75.50	77.50	77.50	75.50	75.50

(4) All positions are State Operations unless otherwise specified

**1. Filing Fee Increase**

The Governor recommends increasing the court's filing fee by 30 percent to fund increased operating costs. The fee increase will increase revenue by \$68,300 GPR-E in FY04 and \$81,700 GPR-E in FY05.

**2. Standard Budget Adjustments**

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendation			
	FY04		FY05		FY04		FY05	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	575,200	0.00	575,200	0.00	575,200	0.00	575,200	0.00
TOTAL	575,200	0.00	575,200	0.00	575,200	0.00	575,200	0.00

The Governor recommends adjusting the agency's base budget for: (a) removal of noncontinuing elements from the base (-\$97,300 in each year); (b) full funding of continuing position salaries and fringe benefits (\$654,700 in each year); and (c) fifth week of vacation as cash (\$17,800 in each year).

**ITEMS NOT APPROVED**

The following requests are not included in the Governor's budget recommendations for the Court of Appeals.

Decision Item	Source of Funds	FY04		FY05	
		Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
3. Staff Attorneys – Central Staff	GPR	94,900	2.00	126,600	2.00
TOTAL OF ITEMS NOT APPROVED	GPR	94,900	2.00	126,600	2.00